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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
WALTER PRIKOSZOVICH) : Examiner: Abigail L. Fisher
Application No.: 10/054,490) : Group Art Unit: 1616
Filed: January 22, 2002) : Confirmation No.: 6537
For: IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING)
TO ORGANIC COMPOUNDS : March 1, 2010

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 31, 2009, for three months from November 30, 2009, to February 28, 2010 (Sunday). The fee of \$1110.00 is submitted herewith via Deposit Account No. 50-3939.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100 or at the below listed address. All correspondence should continue to be directed to Novartis, Corporate Intellectual Property, One Health Plaza 104/3, East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080.

Respectfully submitted,

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